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WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Maurita J. Bryant, a resident of the Homewood Brushton community, mother of 2 children, grandparent to 4 children and great-grandparent to 4 children, will retire from the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police after 39 years of service; and,

WHEREAS, in December of 2014, Chief Cameron S. McLay asked Chief Bryant to oversee the Investigations Branch of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant is a 1970 graduate of George Westinghouse High School. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Point Park University. She is a 2004 graduate of the 218th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and a 2005 graduate from the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston, Massachusetts; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant has been the facilitator for the MOMS and COPS Program, a domestic violence program, for the Bureau since 2000. For ten years Chief Bryant was the Executive Director of a teenage intervention program called Save Our (little) Sisters, SOS. In 1999, she founded the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, NOBLE. She is a past national president and currently serves as the Region II Vice President for NOBLE, as well as a past president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Organization of Black Women in Law Enforcement, (NOBWLE); and,

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant is an active member of the Greater Pittsburgh Business and Professional Women's Club, Gwen's Girls, Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation, and the Birmingham Foundation. She serves on the Advisory Board of Women Against Abusive Relations, WARR, and is an Honorary Board Member of Sojourner House and Sojourner MOMS; and,

WHEREAS, She serves on the Pennsylvania U.S. Attorney General's Police/Community Relations Committee, and the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency's Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee in Pittsburgh. She formerly served on the Executive Board for Youth Enrichment Services (YES) and Adelphoi Village. Chief Bryant is a life member of the NAACP, and the past Grand Grayback (president) for the Grand Cootiette Clubs of Pennsylvania, a volunteer club servicing hospitalized veterans; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant has received numerous law enforcement and community service awards throughout her career, such as being recognized as a 2013 Athena award finalist; receiving the Zonta Club of Pittsburgh's 2015 "Women Who Make a Difference" award; recognized as the "2015 Woman of the Year" for District 3 of the Business and Professional Women's Club; and recipient of the "2015 PNC Women of Legacy" award; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 27, 2016 to be "**Assistant Chief Maurita J. Bryant Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.